

MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2020

BROWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The regular meeting of the Brown Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown Township Municipal Building, 22 Brown Township Drive, Reedsville, PA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kay Hamilton - Chairman
James Peachey - Vice Chairman
Scott Pecht

Also Present Douglas Phillips, Roadmaster

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman.

WELCOME TO VISITORS No Visitors were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comment was heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Minutes of the regular meeting held April 6, 2020 were approved on motion by Mr. Peachey, seconded by Mr. Pecht, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Hamilton mentioned that during the COVID-19 pandemic, PSATS is strongly recommending that the meeting Minutes are posted on the Township's webpage since the public is not able to attend the meetings.

APPROVAL OF BILLS Bills to be paid were presented to the Board of Supervisors.
List attached to Minutes.

General Account	\$61,324.75
State Fund	\$295.83
Sewer Account	\$106,080.23

It was moved by Mr. Peachey, seconded by Mr. Pecht, and so ordered that the bills be paid as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT Mr. Phillips reported the following work was performed by the Road Crew:

They repaired the large pothole on Green Lane;
They have started their summer routine;
and they are continuing the berming throughout the Township.

Road Inspection Mr. Peachey reminded the Board they still need to do road inspection.

OLD BUSINESS
Architect Proposal

The Secretary asked the Board if they are prepared to make a decision about the proposal for Professional Services from Gregory Larson Architect for the Carstetter property design work.

After discussion, Mr. Pecht made a motion to accept the Proposal for Professional Services from Gregory Larson Architect in the amount of \$56,000 for the Carstetter property design. Motion was seconded by Mr. Peachey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Michael Timothy

Ms. Hamilton received an email from Michael Timothy concerning Dirt and Gravel Roads. Mr. Timothy stated that DEP continues to monitor dust control products being used on Dirt and Gravel Roads and his company has an eco friendly product for dust control that he would like to share with the Township. Ms. Hamilton responded and asked Mr. Timothy to forward the information on his product and company so the Township can review it.

Marlin Peachey Hog Farm

Ms. Hamilton is following up with Marlin Peachey about planting a buffer of trees at his hog farm. Ms. Hamilton spoke with the Engineer from Hatfield and was told the buffer is not a Hatfield requirement nor was it a condition from the Zoning Hearing Board. The buffer was something Mr. Peachey wanted to do. Ms. Hamilton is planning to contact Mr. Peachey and ask when he plans to plant the trees.

1990 International Dump Truck

The Secretary reported that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the title transfer of the 1990 International Dump Truck cannot be completed until Notary Public offices are permitted to be open. The winning bidder is aware of this and will schedule an appointment as soon as notary service is available.

NEW BUSINESS
Board Reappointments

The following Board Members are up for reappointment:
John Yoder - Brown Township Municipal Authority
William Rupp - Brown Township Planning Commission
Dave Pennebaker - Brown Township Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Rupp and Mr. Pennebaker both agreed they are willing to serve another term on their Boards and Mr. Yoder responded that he is no longer interested in serving another term.

Upon motion by Mr. Peachey, seconded by Mr. Pecht, William Rupp was reappointed to serve another five year term on the Brown Township Planning Commission and Dave Pennebaker was reappointed to serve another three year term on the Brown Township Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Reappointments (Cont'd) The Secretary was instructed to contact Prestie Rankin and ask if he would be interested in serving on the Brown Township Municipal Authority.

May 4, 2020 Meeting The May 4, 2020 meeting was not included in the annual advertising because the Board was scheduled to be at the PSATS Convention in Hershey. Since the convention has been postponed, the Secretary asked the Board if they want an advertisement placed in the newspaper to meet on the 4th of May.

The Board unanimously agreed that they will not meet on May 4, 2020. Their May meeting will be held on May 18, 2020.

WWTP Mr. Pecht reported that the Plant Operator would like to have a crane built that would fit in the hitch of the pickup truck. This crane would be used to lift pumps and for manhole maintenance. The cost estimate from Peight's Welding to build the crane frame is \$308.61 and the cost of the crane is \$110.00. The Board approved this project.

No Outlet Sign Timothy Meyers from Meadow Woods Lane requested a "No Outlet" sign at the entrance to Meadow Woods Lane. This request was approved.

Baseball Dugout Mr. Pecht asked if the Board could contact the Reedsville Athletic Association and request that the color of the roof on the baseball dugout at the Reedsville playground be green so it matches the other buildings at the playground. The Board agreed they can do this and Mr. Pecht was instructed to contact Travis Parkes and inform him of the Board's color request for the dugout roof.

Mr. Pecht added that the legs for the dugout bench were placed in the wrong place when the concrete was poured. Now the bench is off center on the posts and needs additional support under the one end. The Roadmaster was instructed to either use an old post from the bench that was replaced or have one made and install it under the dugout bench.

Playground Upgrades Mr. Pecht informed the Board that the upgrades at the playground pavilion are being vandalized already. Mr. Pecht would like to purchase two dummy security cameras to hang in the corners of the pavilion in an attempt to deter the vandalism. The Secretary was instructed to purchase the dummy security cameras and the road crew will install them.

Septic Tank Waste

The Plant Operator was approached by a septic hauler and asked if he could dump the waste from septic tanks and portable toilets into the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The hauler is offering to pay approximately \$300 per month if the WWTP will accept the waste.

Chet Selfridge, Chairman of the Brown Township Municipal Authority, contacted the members of the BTMA and they are all opposed to accepting the waste from the hauler. They feel the Plant is not designed to accept this type of waste and it could possibly cause some major problems. The Board agreed and stated they will support the BTMA's decision and not allow the dumping of septic tank and portable toilet waste into the plant.

Sowich/Watson Case

Mr. Pecht asked the Secretary if there are any new developments in the ongoing case between Michael Watson and William Sowich. The Secretary stated they are both appealing every decision that is being handed down and the Township has not done anything with it for a couple years.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were received, read and placed on file:

A draft copy of the Rules and Regulations for the Reedsville Playground Summer Program for review and suggestions.

Handout from Eckert Seamans, Attorneys at Law concerning COVID-19, Layoffs, Furloughs and Reopenings.

PA Department of Transportation Moving Forward quarterly newsletter dated Spring 2020.

Reedsville Volunteer Fire Company financial report for the first quarter of 2020.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Next regular meeting to be held Monday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. King
Township Secretary